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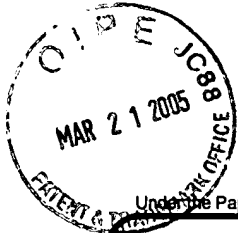
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Provisional Filing Fee	160	80	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20	50	25
Each independent claim over 3	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
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2-month extension of time	450	225	
3-month extension of time	1,020	510	
4-month extension of time	1,590	795	
5-month extension of time	2,160	1,080	
Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	
Non-English specification	130	130	
Notice of Appeal	500	250	
Filing a brief in support of appeal	500	250	
Request for oral hearing	1,000	500	

Other:

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Abbondanzio et al.	:	Tang, Kenneth
Serial No.: 09/981,519	:	Group Art Unit: 2127
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Title: AUTOMATICALLY SWITCHING	:	IBM Corporation
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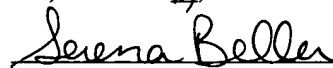
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